

**QA-604**  
**Walters House**  
**1707 Little Creek Road**  
**Chester vicinity**  
**Queen Anne's County**

**Constructed 1955**  
**Private**

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-604

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Walters House (preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 1707 Little Creek Road not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619 ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Newman Walters, Sr. et al

street and number 116 Jenna Street telephone

city, town Centreville state MD zip code 21617

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1089 folio 63

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 58 tax ID number 04-061578

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Contributing 1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing 0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	Contributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Contributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Contributing 1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Noncontributing 0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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### Summary

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### Primary Resource Exterior Description

Located almost two-and-one-half miles south of Chester on Crab Alley Neck, on a 0.19-acre lot on the east side of Little Creek Road, the Walters House is a modestly sized, one-story, wood-frame building. Facing west, the house stands on a small, level, grassy yard. An oyster-shell drive runs to the house on its south side, with a few mature trees situated across the drive from the house. Large pine trees stand to the north of the house. Little Creek is about 100 feet behind the house, to its east. A circa-2000 wooden dock runs out into the creek from behind the house.

The 1955 Walters House rests upon a concrete-block pier foundation. The wood-frame building is clad with wood weatherboard, features wood cornerboards, and is capped by a side-gable roof clad with asphalt shingles. Open eaves demarcate the roofline. One exterior-end brick chimney stands at the south end of the house; its corbelled cap is partially ruinous.

The three-bay, asymmetrical façade features two-over-two, double-hung, wood windows flanking a five-panel wood door with a metal knob; the door and knob both are of a form more typically found in interior doors. The windows and the door are framed by square-edged wood surrounds, and affixed wood shutters. The windows also feature wood storm windows. The two-bay, south elevation is pierced by one, one-light, fixed wood window, and one doorway, the door for which was not visible at the time of survey. The house's north elevation is devoid of fenestration.

The interior and rear (west) elevation of the house were not accessible at the time of the survey.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1955

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

### Summary Statement of Significance

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### Historical Narrative

The owners of the Walters House live elsewhere in the county, and do not seem to have ever permanently occupied the house at 1707 Little Creek Road. Its location right on Little Creek suggests a use as seasonal recreational housing, either for use by its owners or as a rental property for tourists.

Buildings purpose-built for recreational use have a long history in Queen Anne's County. By 1900, hotels such as Lowery's Hotel (QA-266) in Stevensville, the Love Point Hotel, and the Fillmore Hotel were providing lodging for tourists who traveled to Queen Anne's County by steamboat. Other building types associated with this early period of recreational development include yacht clubs and vacation homes or seasonal residences not located within planned developments. After the construction of the Bay Bridge in 1952, more tourists and seasonal residents came to or at least passed through Queen Anne's County. Residential developments intended for seasonal residents were constructed along waterfronts, along with marinas and yacht clubs, while new businesses serving the tourist trade were built along Route 50.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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N/A

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.19 acres  
Acreage of historical setting unknown  
Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 9, parcel 58 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

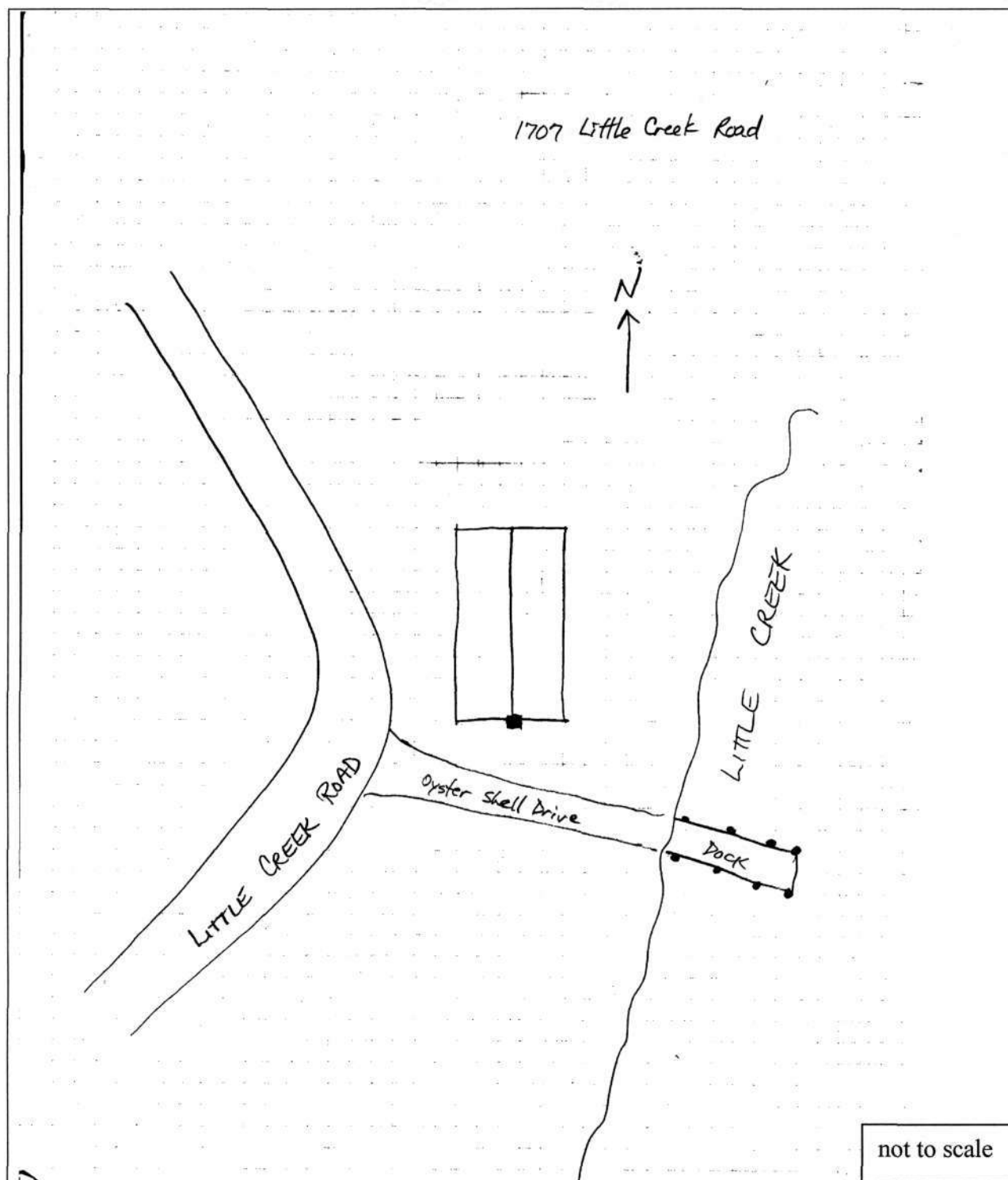
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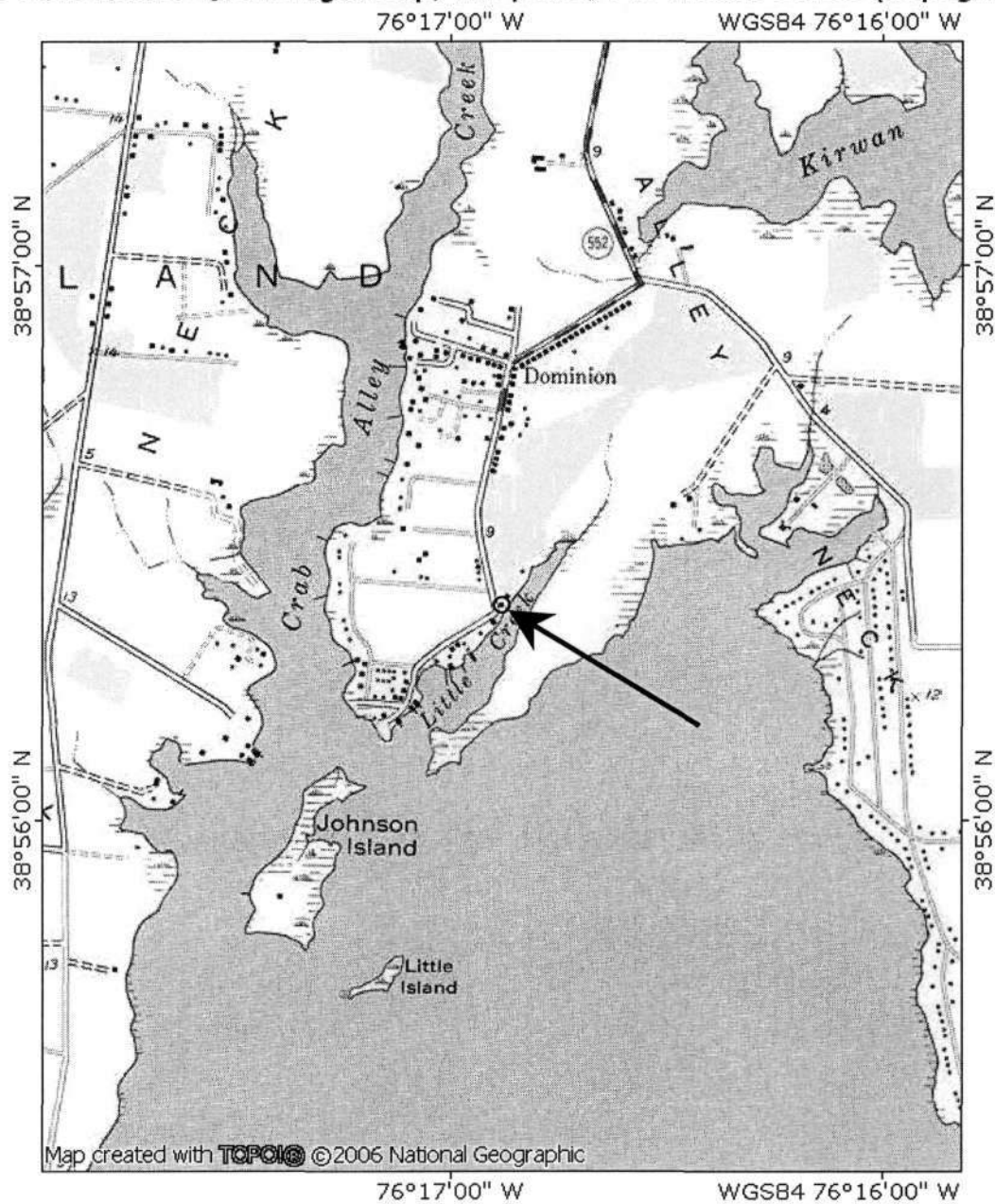
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Site Plan  
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# USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Facade (west elevation), looking NE  
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